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Polo Powers Helping Save Wildlife

Actress Promoting Benefit Exhibition

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The most attractive-looking polo player to swing a mallet this season at the Palm Beach Polo and Country Club must surely be Stefanie Powers.

The popular actress, best-known for her role opposite Robert Wagner in the television series *Hart to Hart*, has come to Wellington to generate interest in a charity to which she is intensely devoted: the William Holden Wildlife Foundation. The foundation is a public charity dedicated to the preservation of wild animals in Kenya, and to educating people about the role of the animals in the environment.

"We hope to gain a little broader base of support," Powers said in an interview Friday. "Hopefully people will learn more about the foundation through this event, and will feel that this is something worthwhile. We want them to come along with us for the adventure."

During International Polo Day, Sunday, Jan. 19, crowds can watch Powers as she teams up with Major Ronald Ferguson, Warren Scherer and Garth Bearman in an exhibition polo match.

Ferguson is the father of England's Duchess of York, Sarah "Fergie" Ferguson, who will be watching from the stands.

Preceding the match, Powers will serve as honorary chairman for a benefit luncheon for the William Holden Wildlife Foundation.

The foundation joins the growing ranks of charity benefits being held as a part of the polo season.

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Celebrity Polo Player Visits — Stefanie Powers visited the Scherer family's Almar Farm at Palm Beach Polo and Country Club Friday to promote the William Holden Wildlife Foundation benefit, featuring the Duchess of York Sarah, on Jan. 19. Powers said she is looking forward to playing in a U.S. versus England polo game after the event's fund-raising luncheon. On her first visit to Wellington, the star of the TV series *Hart to Hart* said she was thrilled with the polo club facilities.

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$300,000 Was Raised In '91

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Some $300,000 was raised for charities during the 1991 season, and the William Holden Wildlife Foundation is among several new ones added this season.

Powers, who took up the game of polo in the early '80s, describes her early playing as "embarrassing." She expects to do well here at Wellington but admits that her game isn't consistent.

"It all depends on how much I am working. If I am working a lot, I don't play very well," said the five-time Emmy nominee, adding, "I have been working a lot lately."

General chairpersons for the benefit luncheon are Mr. and Mrs. F. Warrington Gillet, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Allan D. Scherer.

Proceeds from the luncheon and $2 from each general admission ticket for the polo match will go to the wildlife foundation.

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